

# Prayer Space

## Speech Bubble Questions



### Luke 10:25

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**The Teacher of the Law brought his challenge and his questions directly to Jesus.**

#### Ponder

What questions do you have that you want to ask Jesus?

#### Activity

Write down your questions for Jesus on a speech bubble.

#### Pray

Ask Jesus to come and answer your question(s).

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## Receiving Inheritance



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**Look again at the box of gifts from Session 3 that God gives as an inheritance.**

#### The Bible teaches in John 1:12:

Jesus came into his own world,  
but his own did not welcome him.  
Yet some people accepted him  
and put their faith in him.  
So he gave them the right  
to be the children of God.

#### Ponder

What does it mean in the verse above to 'welcome him'?

#### Activity

If you want to welcome Jesus, take a present and unwrap it. If you would like, you can write a message to Jesus on it.

#### Pray

Thank Jesus for the gift he gives us to become God's children and to enjoy a rich inheritance from God

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## Priest and Levite



### Luke 10:31-32

A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.



**So often we face difficult choices. It can be really hard to do the loving or the right thing. The feeling this gives us can be really hard or weary. The Bible teaches that God offers us new strength every day so that we can love others well.**

### Ponder

Pick up the rucksack and feel the weight of it. What are you carrying in life that feels heavy or hard?

### Activity

Choose a stone from the rucksack and write on it a word or draw a picture to represent something that makes you feel burdened or weary.

### Pray

Tell God your thoughts. Take your stone and place it at the foot of the cross as a symbol of choosing to leave that weight with God. Thank him for his forgiveness and fresh strength every day.

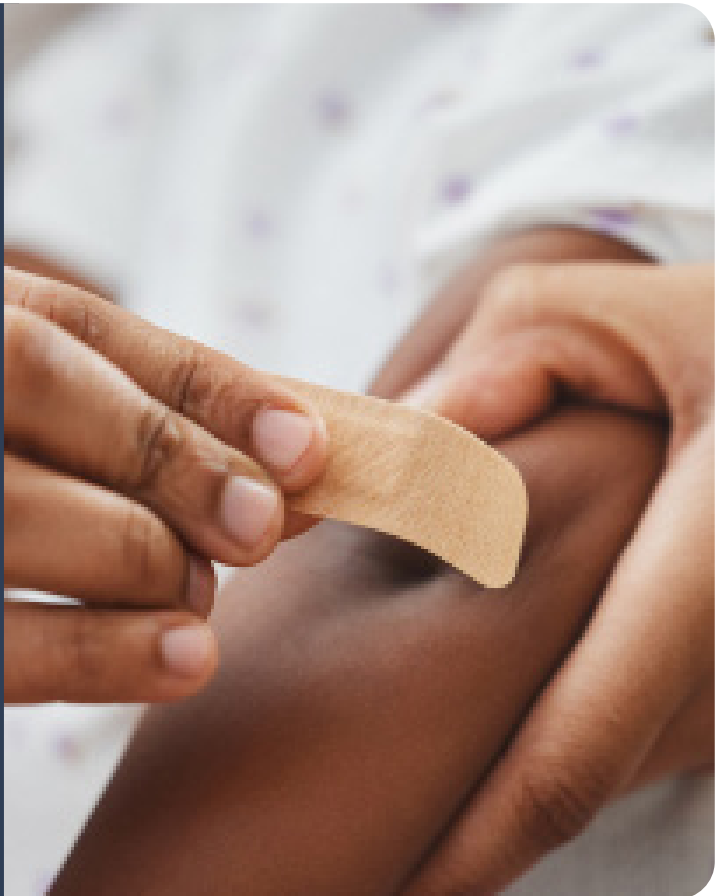
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## Good Samaritan (A)



### Luke 10:33-34

But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.



**Sometimes there are people who are treated as outsiders. People do not seem to give them as much love and care – a bit like how the Samaritan in our story was used to being treated.**

### Ponder

Who in your community (at school, where you live, in your town, etc.) might feel unloved?

### Activity

Choose a pipe cleaner and make a person from it. As you do, think about what it might feel like to be that person.

### Pray

Attach your pipe-cleaner person to the poster. If you would like, write a prayer thanking God for them and asking for blessings and goodness for them.

If your person is someone at school, maybe don't name them specifically. Instead you might write something like: 'God, thank you for my school mate. Please bless them and may they know they are loved.'

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## Good Samaritan (B)



### Luke 10:33-34

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**There are so many people in our world who are not loved, or praised, or valued by society and yet they still show goodness to others.**

### Ponder

Look at the A4 global stories on the wall. They are all different people in different contexts looking to serve others generously.

### Activity

Choose a person to pray for. Take a heart post-it note and write a prayer or a blessing on it. Stick it next to their A4 info poster.

### Pray

Think about what blessings you would love for God to pour into that person's life. Ask God for this for them.

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## The Wounded Man



### Luke 10:30

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.



**We also carry our wounds and pain in life. Things happen that hurt us and that we find hard to forgive. We sometimes cause pain to others around us with our harsh words or unwillingness to put others first.**

### Ponder

Where are you hurting – from something someone else has said or done?

### Activity

Take a cut-out figure and write or draw some of the brokenness you feel or see. As you pray, take a sticking plaster and place it over the brokenness as a symbol of letting Jesus come to you.

### Pray

Tell Jesus about what you have written. Imagine yourself lying on the road, helpless. Ask Jesus to come and stop with you, to bind up your wounds and to lift you to new life.

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## Footprints in the Sand



**The robbers, the wounded man, the Priest, the Levite and the Samaritan would have all left their footprints and hoof prints in the dirt of the road. Their prints would tell later travellers something of the story.**

### Ponder

What 'footprints' do you leave that tell others how you are doing?

### Activity

- Smooth over the damp sand.
- Use your finger to draw a smiley face.
- Think about moments this week when your behaviour or actions left others with a smile on their faces. Perhaps you helped a friend, shared a joke, encouraged your teacher by working hard, or were gentle with your siblings.
- Now draw a sad face.
- Think about the moments this week when you have left others sad or angry because of your actions or words.

### Pray

Tell Jesus what you have been thinking about. Smile together at the happy memories. Ask for his forgiveness and healing for the times when you have left a negative impression. Ask for his Holy Spirit to help you in the days ahead to leave an impression on others that blesses them.

## Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.  
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.  
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.  
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,  
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed  
that during the low periods of my life,  
when I was suffering from  
anguish, sorrow or defeat,  
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,  
'You promised me Lord,  
that if I followed you,  
you would walk with me always.  
But I have noticed that during  
the most trying periods of my life  
there have only been one  
set of footprints in the sand.  
Why, when I needed you most,  
you have not been there for me?'

The Lord replied,  
'The times when you have  
seen only one set of footprints,  
is when I carried you.'

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